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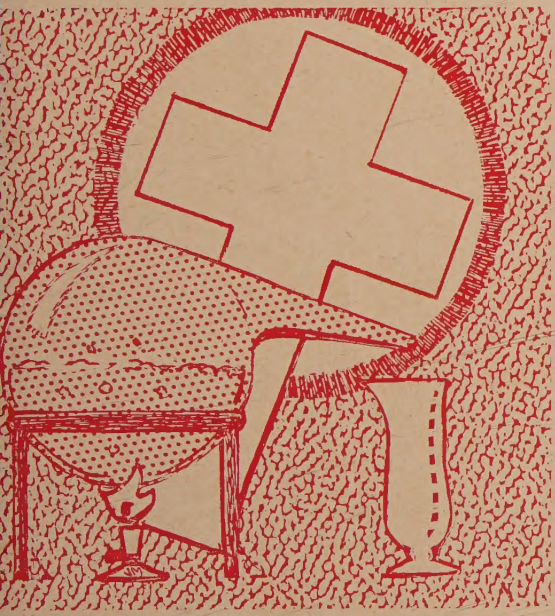

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John H. Gibson, Editor

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"O COME LET US ADORE HIM CHRIST, THE LORD."

ARCHIE H. HOOK
Superintendent and Minister

Thousands of greetings cards bearing beautiful prints of Christmas themes by the old masters will be coming from and going into our homes these next few weeks. These masterpieces may well be a source of Christmas worship. One of the favorite portrayals is the Adoration of the Shepherds. The Shepherds came to the manger, humble, simple folk, their whole being filled with awe, and falling on their knees in adoration they worshiped Christ, the Lord. They had a religious experience. It was a new beginning of life for them. Just so, during Christmas, 1957, that same Life should be our source of adoration, of worship, of the lifting up of our lives to all that is highest and best.

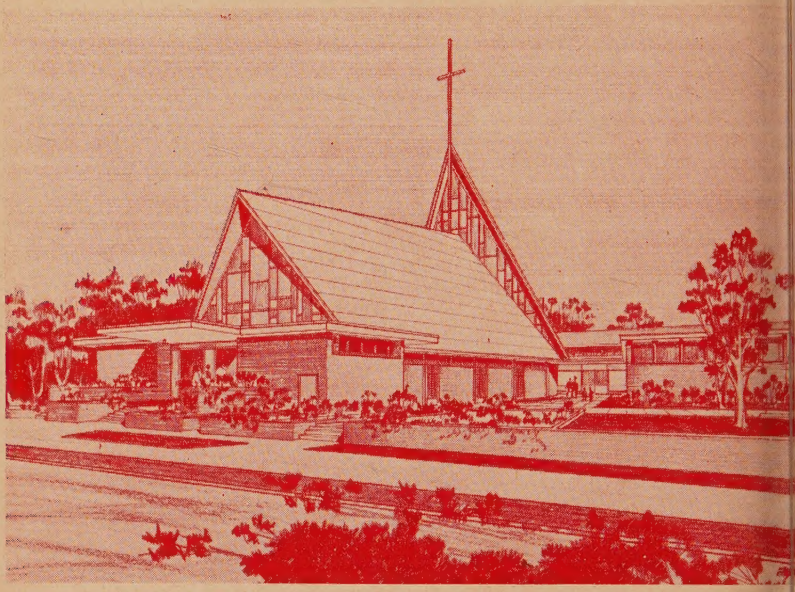
Last Christmas many of us laughed at the popular story of the man who had trouble finding a green Christmas tree. Trees had become improved (?) and were now more available in pastel shades of pink and blue. Do we sometimes lose our depth of adoration of Christ, the Lord, in celebration more wrapped in freshness? In something new?

Adoration—worship—these are the first steps in our response to the true meaning of Christmas. Someone has put it helpfully this way: "Whenever anyone is confronted by a reality which is so good, so true, so beautiful and so irresistible that he turns to it with a sense of wonder, awe and adoration, he is entering upon an experience which leads directly to worship. Following through he reaches a point where he feels the necessity of expressing his awe and wonder in some definite way that satisfies the deep craving of his whole being."

Christmas is a time for great happiness; it is a season of gaiety to be enjoyed with family and friends; but above all we should remember that all the Christian symbols of Christmas lead us to the adoration of Christ, the Lord.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

"AN ESTABLISHED CHURCH ... WITH A BRAND NEW DREA



The artist's sketch of the new Lincoln Heights Church, Spokane

No more descriptive words could be written about our Lincoln Heights Church than "An established church, with a brand new dream." The high steeple and arches of the new church building will show in a very visible way that the church not only has a brand new dream for a church building, but also a clearer vision of its witness to God in a more effective way.

Workmen help secure the arches

The story of Lincoln Heights one that can and should inspire of our church people. **The $85, building shown in the accompany pictures is being erected by all v unteer labor with the single exc tion of the masonry.** Yes, this is all church project. The 1956 Ye book reports that the members now totals 202, neither a large small number, but just avera What it fails to show, however, that these members, with not single professional man in the gro pledged over $32,000 towards building of their new dream.

The building is striking and ori nal in design. Both the steeple a gable are of cathedral glass and walls flare out and the roof goes toward the chancel. The warm co tones of natural materials are to its only decoration—the mission brick, the clear fir of the laminat arches and the soft brown of wes cedar in the decking. Light will f on the Communion Table from glass faced steeple. A towering cr stands on the roof edge and exten twenty-five feet above the steep

n help do their share by providing coffee and luncheons

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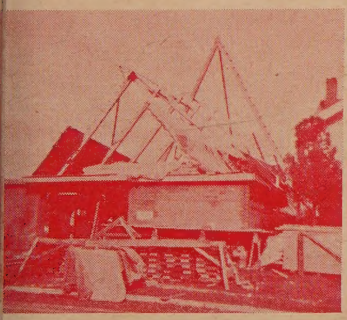

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ited Church Dinners Held

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vance of the Uniting Synod
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The premier showing of "The Youngest Church," the documentary film taken at the Uniting Synod Meeting in Cleveland, was held in conjunction with these dinners. Other highlights of the evening were reports from two of the delegates at the Synod Meeting as well as the showing of the film "On the Threshold" which points up some of the results and concerns of the new denomination.

From the Board of Directors

A year ago Dr. Ross Sanderson was authorized to make a complete study of our total Conference program and structure. This study was for the purpose of evaluating our present program and seeking to point out directions in which constructive changes could be made. This study was completed late last spring and a detailed report given to the Board.

A special committee, under the Chairmanship of Rev. David Julius, has been established to evaluate and make recommendations to the Board concerning the implementing of this report. If you or your church would like to borrow a copy of the detailed Sanderson study, copies are available on a ten day loan from the Conference Office, 720 14th North, Seattle 2, Washington.

"New Frontiers Of Faith"

This new color film has just arrived as Congregational Way goes to the printers. It is an interesting picture of the changing American scene and the new frontiers that challenge our Christian faith and our churches in these busy, overcrowded days. It speaks of our task in the homeland just as "Measure of A Moment" calls attention to our opportunity overseas.

This is a good film to see at any time. It will be especially helpful as your church faces its missionary responsibilities. Use it at a family night dinner or other group meetings. Three copies have been deposited with the Audio-Visual Center, 1205 N. 45th St., Seattle, where you can order it for $1.00 service charge and postage.

Eastgate Breaks Ground

The weather was bad enough for most churches to have postponed their groundbreaking, but for the members of Eastgate it merely meant a digging out of topcoats, overshoes and umbrellas. Almost 300 strong—men, women, children and even babes in arms, were under the still dripping trees for the official act of Groundbreaking on Sunday, October 13. Led by the moderator,

Pictured in center is the minister Frank Kelsey with two young daughters

Thomas Feeney and the minister, Franklin Kelsey, the members and friends of the Eastgate community were joined in the service by representatives from almost a dozen other churches of Seattle. The church held its first service of worship in the Eastgate School in November of 1955 and now has over 200 members.

Sunday, the 13th, was just the beginning, for the contractor had his bulldozer on the scene that week and before the next Sunday the site was cleared and very carefully had the outline of the building been marked. By the time you receive this issue of Congregational Way, the concrete will have all been poured and the laminated arches of the octagonal social hall set in place. Eastgate is one of our ten Church Extension projects.

All enjoyed the coffee hour held in the school library

Statistics Show Vitality

A new angle on statistics tried during the Laymen's Fe ship Fall Retreat at Pilgrim when the age and income of e man was tabulated.

At one of the sessions each was asked to mark on a secret b his age and his family income, the ballot immediately and dr in a box. A few of the 75 men absent at the time but the were secured from 72 men. Lat calculating machine totalled and eraged the figures. What would guess be on average age and come?

The facts are these: the ave age was 45.56 years and the ave income was $6,828.38! W Graham, National Director of Laymen's Fellowship, says that ords of the last five years across nation have shown a progres lowering of the age of retreat It means that the Fellowship is and more drawing younger men.

What is the value of the inc figures? They indicate the tren dous stewardship potential of ch families. The total income of these 72 families reached the fi of over $491,000! Ponder this ture: If a given church's mem ship were made up of these homes, and it were a comple tithing church (giving 10% to and His work), it could financ budget of over $49,000 a year! E if only 75% of the family tithe given through the church (lea 25% for other worthy causes) group of only 72 families could vide a church budget of over $36,

How is your family doing?

Editor's note . . .

The following article was pared by the Christian Educa Committee of the Conferen through its Higher Education s committee. All art work was d by Mr. Jean W. Maulbetsch, a m ber of our West Seattle Congre tional Church.

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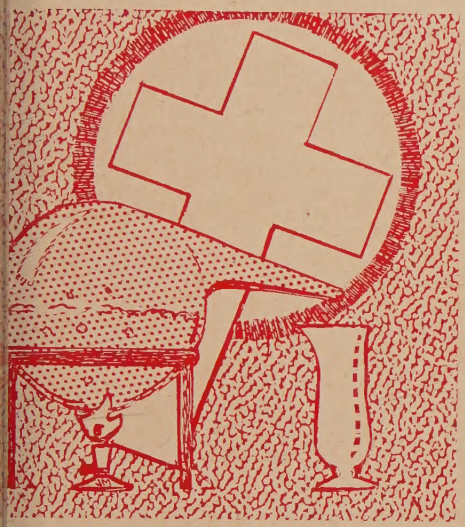


WHAT IS IT???

It is your church . . . ministering on the campuses where your young people are studying.

Y HAVE IT???

To undergird academic and social achievement with Christian Commitment.

To provide a ministry to our Pilgrim Fellowship young people while away at college.

O SPONSORS IT???

Your church and all the other churches in our Conference through the Conference Committee on Christian Education with its special Committee on Higher Education in cooperation with the Board of Directors of each Campus Fellowship group.

Ed Setchko
Minister U. of Wash.
Seattle

Hadley Harper
Minister E. Washington
Cheney

Alfred Dale
Minister W. Washington
Bellingham

WHO DIRECTS IT???

The local Board of Directors a
the Student Officers of the Camp
group, working with the full time ca
pus pastor and/or the minister of t
local church and the adult advisors.
our Conference we share in full ti
cooperative ministry at both Weste
and Eastern Washington Colleges
Education and have our own camp
pastor at the University of Washingt

WHAT'S IN IT???

SUNDAY EVENING DISCUSSION GROUPS

Under the name of Pilgrim Club,
United Student Christian Fellowsh

WEEKEND STUDENT RETREATS

PERSONAL COUNSELING

STUDENT DEPUTATIONS AND VISITS
LOCAL CHURCHES

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT
ACTIVITIES . . .

Both denominationally and interd
nominationally.

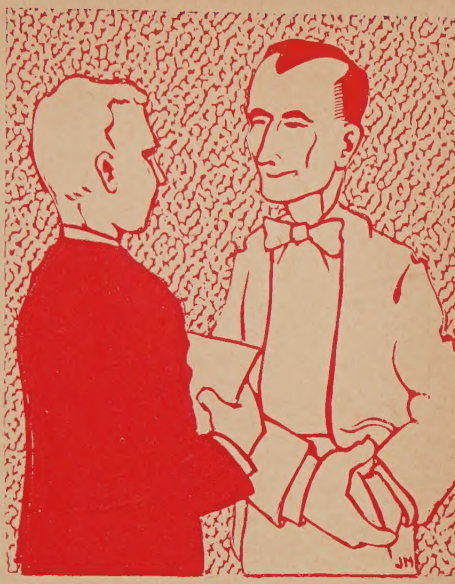
SUMMER COLLEGE CAMP AT PILGRIM FU

D SUPPORTS IT???

st of our campus minis- are jointly financed by oard of Home Missions, onference and the local h nearest the campus.

the **University of Wash-** **n,** The Pilgrim Club meets own quarters at Univers- ngregational Church and total budget of $7,000.

Washington State College ok forward to possible full Campus ministry within ext three years. Our sup- now totals slightly less $2,000.



Whitman in Walla Walla, with the sponsorship of the local h, the Conference supports the Student program with a commitment.

Eastern and **Western Washington Colleges of Education** eney and Bellingham we share in a cooperative campus try with the Baptist, Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian ches. Our Congregational Church share is $1400 for each us.

the **College of Puget Sound** in Tacoma a new interdenomi- nal fellowship group has just been organized. Our Confer- s financial commitment is $200.

W EFFECTIVE IS IT???

At present we reach less than 1/5th of our Congregational Christian students on the campuses where we support a ministry.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

WHAT CAN I DO?

AS A CHURCH MEMBER . .

YOU can entertain c
students in your hom
at holiday seasons . . .
time.

YOU can give to Our C
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provides for both the
ference and Board of
Mission's financial sha
this work.

YOU can remember stu
and their needs in
prayers.

YOU can write letters
cards.

AS A CHURCH COMMITTEE . . .

YOU can keep your fellow members informed of the names and addresses of students from your church away at college.

YOU can keep your students informed of activities in their home church.

YOU can send them Daily Devotional Guides, Advance magazine or the Congregational Way.

YOU can let your fellow members know about the work of our campus ministries.

AS A MINISTER . . .

YOU can prepare your
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about our campus m
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YOU can introduce the
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YOU can make certain
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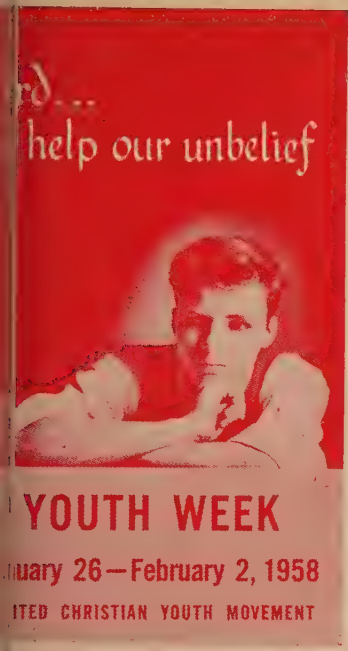
by their minister.



of the most significant weeks life of your church can be the rance of Youth Week. Begin- with the last Sunday in Jan- through the first Sunday in ary, Protestant Churches ghout America will join in this rance. Under the sponsorship e interdenominational United ian Youth Movement, the selected for this year is "Lord lp our unbelief."

ourage your Pilgrim Fellow- youth by observing Pilgrim rship Sunday on January 26th. churches have their young lead the entire worship serv- this Sunday as well as having l youth and family events dur- e week. Youth Kit packets can ocured from the Council of hes Office, 2005 Fifth Avenue, e for $1.00.To avoid disappoint- order yours NOW.

What Is Your Church Potential?

Before you read the rest of this article see on another page the story on "Statistics Show Vitality"—about the income of 72 men at Pilgrim Firs . . . Wouldn't you like to know the stewardship potential of **your** church families?

Churches have secured the information in different ways. Some have passed out plain paper ballots during morning worship, asking that only the head of each household present write down the family income (no names), fold the ballot immediately and drop it in an offering basket or other container as ushers make the collection. This has been repeated for a few consecutive Sundays, asking returns from only those families who made no return before. Usually a goodly percentage can be reached in three or four Sundays. These figures are then averaged and the average multiplied by the total number of families in the church membership to secure the aggregate income of the church.

Other churches have called together some 20 persons, more or less (according to size of membership), who are well acquainted with the church roll. Each is given a complete roster of membership and sitting apart from the others, makes an estimate of the income of each family well known to that person. An average is then made of each family (in cases of duplications) and totals tabulated. Usually the total is reduced by about 25% to secure a conservative figure. This is not as accurate a method as the first one mentioned. If you can devise a better means, do so.

Most church people are astonished at the potential of their own membership and have little idea of what their church could do if it really gave sacrificially. Try getting your church potential and write us the results.

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AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Newport

Merlin called as pastor

John Merlin, a 1957 graduate of Pacific School of Religion, has accepted a call to the Hope Congregational Church of Newport. Mr. Merlin is married and has three children, Mary 10, William 6 and James 5. During his seminary years he had regular responsibility for leadership in the morning worship service at the Thousand Oaks Baptist Church in Berkeley. The Merlins will be arriving in Newport about November 17.

John Merlin

Seattle, Prospect

New pastor to be King

The first Sunday of January, 1958 will find a King in the pulpit of Prospect Church in Seattle. The Rev. Gordon L. King,, minister of the Saratoga Federated Church in California has accepted the call to be the pastor of Prospect Church. Mr. King is a graduate of Carleton College and Andover Newton Theological Seminary. He has served churches in Massachusetts; he was an Army Chaplain from 1942 to 1945, and has been at Saratoga since that time. The Kings will be arriving in Seattle during the Christmas holidays and will be moving into the new Prospect parsonage.

Gordon L. King

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Veradale

Fall Forums Held

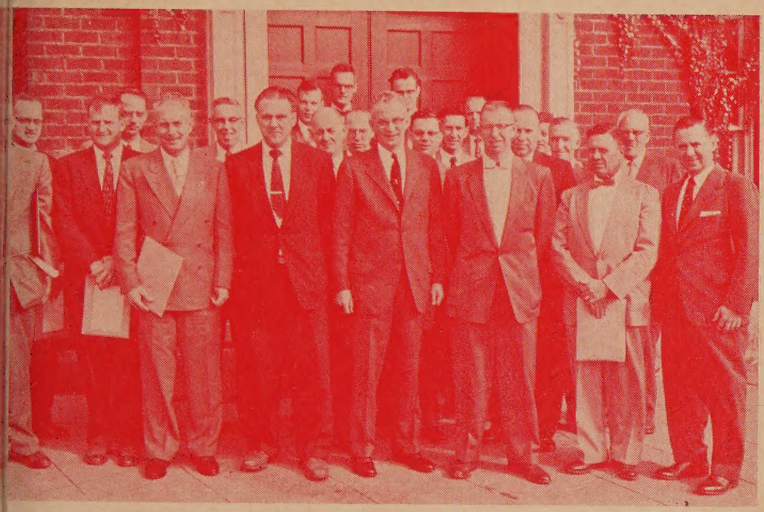
Under the sponsorship of [illegible] church's Social Action Commi[illegible] three very significant forums [illegible] held at the Veradale Church du[illegible] October. Dr. Harvey Young, C[illegible] man of the Committee, reports [illegible] the three evening panel discuss[illegible] were on the subjects, "Underst[illegible]ing the Adolescent"; "Mental He[illegible] Problems, Locally"; and "Are [illegible] Ready for Disaster." The four m[illegible]bers of each panel were both inf[illegible]ative and stimulating in their [illegible]sentations. Each panel discus[illegible] was followed by open questions [illegible] group discussion.

Mesa

After four years of meeting in [illegible] uncomfortable surroundings of [illegible] old abandoned school building [illegible] Mesa, the United Protestant Ch[illegible] met for the first time in the lo[illegible] new elementary school building [illegible] completed for this fall term. T[illegible] who have had to build fires [illegible] sweep in the old building will [illegible] especially thankful for the use [illegible] our new quarters. The change [illegible] made on October 13th.

Church School in a school

The service of worship is held [illegible] the splendid new library of [illegible] school. Four well equipped new [illegible] rooms supply ample room for [illegible] church school. Here is a picture [illegible] some of the children on the fi[illegible] Sunday gathered around the sign [illegible] welcome which is placed each S[illegible]day at the entrance of the n[illegible] school.



These men were Green Lake's "ambassadors of Christ"

vardship" was the theme for week at the Gréen Lake Con- onal Church September 29 ı October 6. A capital funds lship project was undertaken church under the direction tis R. Schumacher, head of partment of Church Finance y Service of the Board of Missions, and with Frank Sti- local Canvass Chairman. Over was pledged on October 6 by rs and friends of the church. prospects for church mem- were discovered in the course week. A deepened sense of ibility to the church and to veloped during the week in es of many of the members church. The Green Lake , which two years ago se- considered closing its doors, nd new life and strength as ccepted a new responsibility Seattle Area. This project e first effort in the forward ent of the church for a new in which to worship and ung lives toward the Chris- y of life. In the picture are ı who were commissioned as sadors of Christ" and can- the parish of the church.

Fairmont

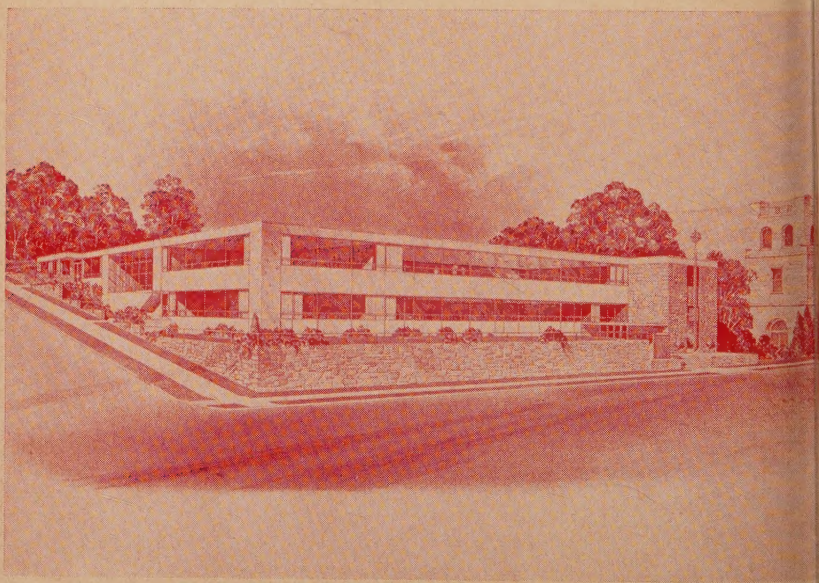
Fairmount Federated Church, Seattle, observed Fire Prevention Week October 6 with two fire drills, one during the Sunday Church School hour and the second during the Morning Worship Service. Both were pronounced highly successful by Captain Stephen Sanislo, veteran officer of the Seattle Fire Department. The building was cleared of all occupants in an orderly manner in one minute and two minutes, respectively.

During the early part of the worship service the pastor, The Rev. L. Merlin Norris, announced the time had arrived for the fire drill and ushers assisted the congregation out the various exits. Immediately after the alert all returned to their seats and the worship service continued as if nothing had happened.

"There is an average of five fires daily in churches of our nation," Captain Sanislo pointed out. "Fairmont Church may well be starting a new safety measure in being perhaps the first church in the nation to conduct a fire drill during a worship service."

WESTMINSTER'S NEW YOUTH BUILDING

An historic event in the life of the largest church of our Conference took place o clear Sunday morning in October, for on that day Westminster Church, Spokane b ground for its new Youth Building. The new building, pictured below, will cost alm $300,000 and will greatly expand the present inadequate facilities for the total Chris Education program of the church. The ministers of the church are Clement F. H Willard Johnson and Robert Nathan.



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ry 22—Evangelism Committee
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rence, West Side, Bellingham
ary 25—Evangelism Commit-
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ary 28 - March 2 — United
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March 7-9—Junior High Conference, East Side, Yakima
Resolutions due some time during the 2nd week in March
March 11—Library Committee
March 11—Pilgrim Firs Committee Meeting
March 12—Church Extension Committee Meeting
March 14-16—Junior High Conference—East Side, Kellogg
March 17 — Our Christian World Mission Committee
March 17-21—Women's Fellowship Area Meeting
March 18—Board of Directors Meeting
March 18—Nominating Committee Meeting
March 22—Conference Pilgrim Fellowship Officers Meeting
March 24—Christian Education Committee Meeting
March 24-28—Women's Fellowship Area Meeting
April ? — Pilgrim Firs Committee Meeting
April ?—Church Extension Committee Meeting
April 6—Easter Sunday
April 8—Library Committee
April 8-9—Minister's Retreat, Pilgrim Firs
April 11-13 — Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, West Side, Vancouver
April 14-19—Vacation Church School Institute
April 15—Board of Directors Meeting
April 18-20 — Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Conference, Pasco
April 19-20—Laymen's Retreat—Pilgrim Firs
April 21—Our Christian World Mission Committee
April 26-27 — Laymen's Retreat—N-Sid-Sen
April 28 - May 2—Christian Education Leaders of Leaders Workshop, Pilgrim Firs
April 29 — Evangelism Committee Meeting
May 3—Conference Pilgrim Fellowship Officer's Meeting
May 6—Christian Education Committee Meeting
May 6-8—Annual Meeting of the Conference — First Congregational Church, Walla Walla
May 13—Library Committee

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